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This newspaper believes that some way must be found to permit the men in the armed forces to vote in next year's national election. To deny a vote to men fighting for their country makes a farce out of democracy. We did not read the text of the soldiers' vote recently defeated in Congress nor are we anxious to see the election laws of the several states violated. But in a world torn upside down to make a test if democracy can survive, we have no taste for so-called leaders who would draft men to fight for something they don't vote for. We understand that the question is now back in the hands of the states. The Virginia legislature is to meet next month. Let us see what Virginia will do!

WHAT EDITORS ARE SAYING

DR. FRANKLIN

From Chester (Pa.) Times
Resignation of Dr. James H. Franklin as head of Crozer Theological Seminary here after a term of nine years brings to an end the local career of one of Delaware County's outstanding citizens.

As Foreign Secretary of the American Baptist Mission Society, Dr. Franklin traveled extensively in Europe, China, Japan, and the Philippines, supervising work of the Baptist denomination and sharing the problems of struggling churches. He has served on several world-wide committees and for the Federal Council of Churches as chairman of the committee on International Justice and Goodwill. Dr. Franklin is a world citizen in fact as well as in mind.

A vital interest of Dr. Franklin's has been the race question and he is chairman of the recently organized Inter-racial Commission. Since he has been president, Crozer Seminary has become known for its race understanding. Several outstanding oriental and negro students have studied there.

When Dr. Franklin began his ministry in a Colorado mining camp he was referred to by one of the most elevated Baptist ministers in the world, due to the 11,000 feet elevation of the camp. Little did he dream that this statement might truly be applied to him, as it now can, without the aid of any mountain elevation.

Basic in his philosophy has been the belief that "there is more light yet to break"—that the final word in religion has not yet been written. With this belief as his guide, Dr. Franklin has inspired hundreds of students and many more hundreds of men.

Only a few words are needed to describe truly great men and no better can be used to describe and evaluate the life and service here of Dr. James H. Franklin, on which the paper have not yet closed, than "Well done, good and faithful servant."

BLOODY BUSINESS

War is bloody business, dealing in death and leaving in its wake crippled and wounded men, whose subsequent lives will be permanently marked by suffering and disabilities.

The American people have not yet realized the probable cost of victory largely because the armed forces of the nation have not been fully engaged in combat. If it becomes necessary for us to overpower our enemies by combat, the casualties will be numbered in the hundreds of thousands.

Along this line, Colonel Joseph I. Martin, Surgeon with the Fifth Army in Italy, warns American families of the psychological shock of receiving into their homes crippled and wounded sons, brothers and husbands.

The doctor says that the war will not end with the armistice for these wounded men whose lives have been spared by the skill of medical workers. Disabled veterans and disabled men will come through the fire of shot and shell and the explosion of bombs and land mines to live. They will attempt to carry on and round out their existence as normal, as far as possible.

The families of crippled and disabled men must expect themselves to assist the veterans to reframe their lives and overcome their handicaps. The results of the war, if it is fought to a decision, will be visible in thousands of homes and millions of Americans will have ample opportunities to demonstrate their appreciation of the sacrifices that fighting men make for their homes and their country. Eastern Shore News.

Appomattox offers you plenty of free parking space.

Read the Classified Ads.

State legislature to meet in January.

WARTIME CHRISTMAS

Many people are asking how they can say "Merry Christmas," when their hearts are far from merry in the absence of their boys across the seas, perhaps in scenes of death.

There is one thought that does induce happiness in this season, and that is these boys are performing a great service and responding to the nation's appeal. They are of course not the only ones who are doing their full duty. Most of the men who are kept at home by failure to pass physical tests, or who are working in essential industries, would prefer to have gone into the armed services. So they in their various tasks are also fulfilling their obligation.

The countless families who are boys in the armed services are entitled to feel exceptional pride in the grand work these boys are doing. The Christmas feast will be a head but the call is for unity on the home front and on the far-flung battle lines.

Fourth War Loan drive to be held in January.

Do your week-end shopping early this year. Stores will be closed on Saturday for Christmas.

Winston Churchill III with pneumonia.

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IMPROVED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Mortality Over 50 Is Up

Mortality in the population of the U. S. at ages over 50 years has increased significantly in the past 12 months, according to a special study by the Bureau of the Census. Department of Commerce. Officials assert that while the reasons for this adverse change are not entirely known, it is thought possible that the increased death rate is a result of the greater strains and the frequent exposures to disease that are a part of wartime life.

More Refrigerators Coming

Increased ice refrigerator quotas for the first three months of 1944, 40,000 more than for the last quarter of this year, have been set by the War Production Board. This increased production is expected to care for the increased need for ice refrigerators, due to the unavailability of mechanical refrigerators.

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